

Resolution No. ZSR-21-23 of the Suffolk County Planning Commission
Pursuant to Section A14-2A of the Suffolk County Administrative Code

Addition to Suffolk County Planning Commission Guidebook; Section 4.10 “Site Specific Policies for Climate Change”

WHEREAS, Climate Change can be described as a rise in the average global temperature due to an increase in the concentration of atmospheric greenhouse gases resulting in numerous climatic shifts and impacts. Rising sea levels, coastal flooding, coastal erosion, drought and wildfires, more frequent hurricanes and heavy rain events with local street flooding, severe winter storms, surface water eutrophication and ocean nitrification are some climate change issues presenting itself in Suffolk County, and

WHEREAS, The *Suffolk County Comprehensive Master Plan 2035 Framework For the Future* Section 6. *Protect the Environment and Enhance our Human Capital* identifies as a Priority Action Area *Building for Resiliency*, and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Resolution 554-2013 requires the Department of Public Works to assess the vulnerability of County infrastructure to sea level rise, and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart community which is pursuing programming and projects to mitigate climate change; and

WHEREAS, New York state environmental quality review laws now include a requirement for the analysis of measures to avoid or reduce both an actions impact on climate change and associated impacts due to the effects from climate change, and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Planning Commission has appointed a Climate Change/Climate Smart Task Force (effective August 7, 2019) to look at developing guidelines for the Commissions future review of referred land use applications from local municipalities pursuant to General Municipal Law 239 and Article IVX of the Suffolk County Administrative Code, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is comprised of Planning Commission members, relevant County leadership including the Climate Smart Coordinator, State, Town and other local officials, representatives of the building industry and civic associations, and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Planning Commission has deliberated on the various drafts of the report of the Task Force and has made various revisions thereto based upon comments of its members, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Suffolk County Planning Commission adopts the “Proposed New Section: 4.10 Site Specific Policies for Climate Change” as final, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Suffolk County Planning Commission staff within the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment shall amend Section 4.0 of the Suffolk County Planning Commission Guidebook to add a new Section 4.10 Site Specific Policies for Climate Change as is attached hereto this resolution.

ZSR-21-23**Addition to Suffolk County Planning Commission Guidebook; Section 4.10 “Site Specific Policies for Climate Change”****Motion to approve with comments****AYE NAY RECUSED ABSENT**

ANDERSON, RODNEY – At Large				X
CASEY, JENNIFER - Town of Huntington	X			
CHARTRAND, MATTHEW - Town of Islip				X
CHU, SAMUEL – Town of Babylon				X
CONDZELLA, JOHN – Town of Riverhead	X			
DOTY, DAVID – Town of East Hampton	X			
ESPOSITO, ADRIENNE - Villages over 5,000	X			
FINN, JOHN - Town of Smithtown				X
FLYNN, DANIEL – Town of Southampton	X			
GALLE, ELIZABETH, - Town of Shelter Island				X
GERSHOWITZ, KEVIN G.- At Large	X			
KAUFMAN, MICHAEL - Villages under 5,000	X			
KELLY, MICHAEL – Town of Brookhaven	X			
KITT, ERROL – At Large	X			
MCCARHTY, THOMAS - Town of Southold	X			

Motion: Commissioner Esposito

Present: 10

Seconded: Commissioner Gershowitz

Absent: 5

Voted: 10

Abstentions: 0

DECISION: Approved